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Senate helps protect laboratories from terrorism

LANSING – The Senate today passed legislation to protect medical research laboratories from crimes of domestic terrorism, said Sen. Tom George, R-Texas Township.

Created in response to several notable attacks by animal rights activists on research facilities in Michigan, Senate Bills 1175 and 1176, introduced by George, increase the penalties for destruction or damage to research laboratories.

“We are taking action to protect the work of research companies and universities in our state,” George said. “Life sciences research can lead to important medical benefits and improve our quality of life. We need to protect the public investment in medical research and this important part of our regional economy.”

The package of bills now goes to the Michigan House of Representatives for consideration.

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